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Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 62/237 A of 22 December 2007 and section V of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section III of its resolution 62/245 of 3 April 2008, section XI of its resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008 and section IV of its resolution 63/268 of 7 April 2009,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to establish one Legal Affairs Officer position (P-4), one Senior Security Sector Reform Officer position (P-5) and one Human Rights Officer position (P-4);

4. *Approves* the revised budget for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia for 2009 in the amount of $15,262,300 net ($16,178,500 gross);

5. *Takes note* of the balance of $6,641,400 under the appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 based on actual expenditures incurred in 2008;

[1] A/63/346/Add.7.
[2] A/63/868.

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6. *Decides* to appropriate, after taking into account the unencumbered balance of $6,641,400, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of $8,620,900 under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

7. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of $916,200 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.